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THE
TAYLOR UNIVERSITY
FACULTY AND STAFF HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
AND
DEDICATION
OF THE
HODSON DINING COMMONS ATRIUM





HODSON DINING COMMONS ATRIUM



The new atrium of the Hodson Dining Commons is dedicated to the students and all who gather and enjoy Christian fellowship. Given in honor and glory to God by Arthur x'34 and Nelle (Leisman '43) Hodson of Marion, Indiana, the 2,174 square-foot facility was constructed to facilitate entry and gathering for meals in the Hodson Dining Commons as well as a student meeting space on other occasions.

This atrium will serve the University for countless years to come and function as a welcome addition to an already unique and heavily used dining and gathering facility.

HODSON DINING COMMONS ATRIUM DEDICATION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2004

RECEPTION - 5:45 P.M.

DINNER - 6:30 P.M.

PROGRAM

PRAISE TO GOD

Prelude	Dr. Leon Harshenin, Assoc. Prof. of Music
Welcome	Mr. Harold Hazen, Vice President for University Advancement
Invocation	Mrs. Joyce Wood '81, Assoc. Vice President for University Relations and Marketing

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

Remarks	Mr. Kenneth Flanigan '65, Chair, Board of Trustees Mr. Bradley Yordy, '05, Sport Management Major Mr. Jerry Nelson HA '82, Food Service Director, Creative Dining Services
Introduction of Hodsons and family	Mr. Kenneth Smith, Executive Director, William Taylor Foundation; Assoc. Vice President for Planned Giving
Presentation of gift	Mr. Harold Hazen
Response	Mr. Arthur Hodson x '34 and Mrs. Nelle Hodson '43

CELEBRATION OF DEDICATION

Dedicatory prayer	Mr. Ronald Sutherland '82, Vice President for Business and Finance
Presidential remarks	Dr. David Gyertson
Corporate carols	Dr. Leon Harshenin Dr. Albert Harrison, Chair, Music Department
Benediction	Mrs. LaRita Boren HA '94, Member, Board of Trustees
Postlude	Dr. Leon Harshenin

ARTHUR AND NELLE HODSON

Arthur x'34 and Nelle (Leisman '43) Hodson have long-time connections to the Upland community. Both were born in Upland, have worked in and significantly contributed to the community.

Nelle was born in 1922 and lived most of her childhood in Michigan. She majored in home economics and English at Taylor and taught home economics at Eastbrook Community Schools and later at Taylor University, investing time and energy into young lives, modeling social grace and poise.

Nelle and husband James Alspaugh '39 gave birth to a son, Michael '78. Her grandsons, Shawn '02 and Matthew '04, complete a fourth generation of Taylor alumni.

Art was also born in Upland in 1912 and worked at the Upland Bank (now Star Financial) where he held a variety of positions, including president and chairman of the board until retirement in 1977. In addition, he served on the Taylor Board of Trustees from 1959-1963. Art has also worked as a farmer and served as a Christian leader in the community for many years.

After James' death in 1983, the common bonds of the University, family values and faith led the couple to marriage on Sept. 21, 1996. Together, Art and Nelle have demonstrated a model of stewardship and commitment to Christ and Christian higher education. Out of their love for education and the Upland and Taylor communities, Art and Nelle have contributed significantly to Taylor through planned giving vehicles such as scholarships, annuities and unitrusts. They also have made possible the Alspaugh East and West banquet facilities and now the atrium addition to the Hodson Dining Commons.

It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that we honor Art and Nelle Hodson for their abiding commitment to Taylor University and for their love and devotion to God, family and community.

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BUILDING STATISTICS

New Square Feet (atrium):	2,174
Renovated Square Feet (restrooms/coat room):	2,019
Construction Costs:	\$700,540
Equipment:	\$ 30,000
Total Costs:	\$730,540

